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SUMMARY: NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) TEAM
COMPLETED TWO-WEEK SURVEY OF FIRE PROBLEMS IN QATAR ON JULY

1. TEAM VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING
INFORMATION REGARDED AS NECESSARY FOR THE SURVEY AND IN GAINING
RESPECT OF POLICE AND FIRE OFFICIALS FOR EXPERTISE A F COURTESY
DEMONSTRATED BY TEAM MEMBERS. ENDSUMMARY

1. ON JUNE 18, THE DAY FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL, THE TEAM,
ACCOMPANIED BY AID OFFICER ROBERT DODSON AND EMBOFF, MET WITH
SHAYKH HAMID BIN JASSIM AL-THANI, COMMANDANT OF POLICE, FOR BRIEFING
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ON WHAT SHAYKH HAMID EXPECTED OF THE TEAM. SHAYKH HAMID'S VIEWS
CORRESPONDED CLOSELY TO SURVEY PRVGRAM OUTLINED IN REFTEL.
DURING THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING, THE TEAM MET WITH
ENGINEERS AND MANAGERS IN MANY AREAS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
OFFICE OF THE AMIR'S TECHNICAL ADVISOR, CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
OF MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL
CENTER, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, MINISTRY OF

PUBLIC WORKS, QATAR PETROLEUM PRODUCING AUTHORITY (ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE), QATAR FERTILIZER COMPANY, WILLIAM L. PEREIRA ASSOCIATES, AND AMERICAN FIRM INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR THE WEST BAY AND UOM SAID PROJECTS, AND OF COURSE, FIRE AND POLICE UNITS. THE TEAM VISITED TMFFIUMM SAID AND DUKHAN OIL FACILITIES AND THE TOWNS OF KHOR, RUWAIS, AND MADINAT SHAMAL. CCLEMENT WEATHER PREVENTED A HELICOPTOR FROM FLYING THE TEAM TO THE HALUL ISLAND OIL FACILITIES.

2. THE TEAM HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL PROBLEM AREAS AND WILL SUBMIT ITS FINDINGS, POSSIBLY IN ARABIC TRANSLATION, TO SHAYKH HAMID. THE REPORT WILL CONTAIN A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WHICH THE GOQ CAN CHOOSE AS IT WISHES.

3. BEFORE THE TEAM DEPARTED, SHAYKH HAMID HOSTED A LUNCHEON IN ITS HONOR AND ATTENDED A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR. SINCE SHAYKH HAMID RARELY ATTENDS DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS, LET ALONE HOSTS A FUNCTION FOR WESTERNERS, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEAM'S VISIT IS APPARENT.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES AID'S ASSISTANCE IN FIELDING A FIRST-CLASS TEAM SELECTED BY NFPA. TEAM MEMBERS HAD THE REQUIRED EXPERTISE AND, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, PERSONALITIES AND FLEXIBILITY TO DEAL WITH THE LOCAL SITUATION/? TEAM LEADER DAVID GRATZ IN PARTICULAR HAD THE CORRECT BALANCE OF FLEXIBILITY AND FIRMNESS TO ACCOMPLISH HIS MISSION.

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5. EMBASSY IS HOPEFUL THAT FIRE TEAM'S VISIT WILL LEAD TO SIMILAR REQUESTS FOR U.S. EXPERTISE IN OTHER FIELDS
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